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2 Representative Marcotte of Coventry moves to amend the bill as follows:

3 First: In Sec. 3, in subsection (a), by striking out the words “the amount of
4 \$350,000.00 is appropriated from the General Fund to” and by striking out the
5 following: “, which”

6 Second: In Sec. 5, in subsection (b), by striking out the words “Vermonters
7 possess a credential of value” and inserting in lieu thereof the words
8 “Vermonters possess a degree or credential of value”

9 Third: By striking out Sec. 7 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a
10 new Sec. 7 to read as follows:

11 Sec. 7. RELOCATION SUPPORT SYSTEM

12 (a) The Department of Labor shall:

13 (1) collaborate with key employers and nongovernmental organizations
14 to ensure that appropriate expertise is available to program staff and
15 individuals looking to enter Vermont’s job market, through referrals or other
16 information sharing mechanisms;

17 (2)(A) coordinate available information for each region that includes
18 labor market information, housing and education information, recreation
19 information, and other relevant resources; and

20 (B) make the information easily accessible for interested individuals
21 to assist in aspects of preliminary decision making; and

1 (3) convene regional, multidisciplinary teams that:

2 (A) comprise partners with expertise from relevant sectors, including
3 housing, transportation, education, health, child care, recreation, and economic
4 development; and

5 (B) provide community-level knowledge, support, and services to
6 best meet the needs of prospective employees.

7 (b) State agencies and State-funded programs shall coordinate with the
8 Department to ensure that services and information that could assist a person in
9 relocating to Vermont are made available through an integrated, employee-
10 centered system.

11 Fourth: In Sec. 8 by adding a subsection (e) to read as follows:

12 (e) On or before January 15, 2020, the Department shall report to the
13 House Committees on Commerce and Economic Development and on
14 Appropriations and to the Senate Committees on Economic Development,
15 Housing and General Affairs and on Appropriations concerning
16 implementation and outcomes of this pilot program.

17 Fifth: In Sec. 10, by redesignating subsection (d) to be subsection (e) and
18 by adding a new subsection (d) to read as follows:

19 (d) Meetings.

20 (1) The State Refugee Coordinator shall call the first meeting of the
21 task force to occur on or before September 1, 2019.

1 (2) The task force shall select a chair from among its members at the
2 first meeting.

3 (3) A majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum.

4 (4) The task force shall meet not more than six times and shall cease to
5 exist on January 15, 2020.

6 Sixth: In Sec. 11 by striking out the words “not less than” and inserting in
7 lieu thereof the words “not more than”

8 Seventh: In Sec. 12 by designating the existing paragraph as subsection (a)
9 and by adding a subsection (b) to read as follows:

10 (b) On or before January 15, 2020, the Department shall report to the
11 House Committees on Commerce and Economic Development and on
12 Appropriations and to the Senate Committees on Economic Development,
13 Housing and General Affairs and on Appropriations concerning the creation of
14 the registry and the extent the registry assisted employers and employees with
15 barriers to employment.

16 Eighth: By striking out Sec. 14 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a
17 new Sec. 14 to read as follows:

18 Sec. 14. APPROPRIATIONS

19 In fiscal year 2020, the amount of \$1,595,000.00 is appropriated from the
20 General Fund to the following recipients for the purposes specified:

1 (1) \$450,000.00 to the Agency of Commerce and Community

2 Development as follows:

3 (A) \$225,000 for economic development marketing pursuant to its
4 authority in 3 V.S.A. § 2476(c) to execute the State’s core Economic
5 Development Marketing Plan through paid, owned, and earned media, utilizing
6 technology, data, and analysis tools; and

7 (B) \$225,000.00 to identify, recruit, and provide relocation assistance
8 to workers, including:

9 (i) identifying target audiences;

10 (ii) targeting through digital and social media; and

11 (iii) implementing strategies that convert visitors to residents and
12 awarding grants for regional partnerships to help recruitment efforts at the
13 local and regional levels; and

14 (2) \$1,145,000.00 to the Department of Labor as follows:

15 (A) \$275,000.00 to implement a relocation support system and
16 provide services pursuant to Sec. 7 of this act; and

17 (B) \$870,000.00 for workforce development and training as follows:

18 (i) \$350,000.00 for grants to provide weatherization training
19 pursuant to Sec. 3 of this act;

20 (ii) \$50,000.00 for a grant to the Community College of Vermont
21 to purchase equipment to provide robotics training at its Rutland location; and

1 DEVELOPMENT; STRUCTURE AND ORGANIZATION;
2 REPORT

3 On or before January 15, 2020, the Secretary of Commerce and Community
4 Development shall review and report to the House Committees on Commerce
5 and Economic Development and on Appropriations and to the Senate
6 Committees on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs and on
7 Appropriations concerning one or more proposals to amend the structure and
8 organization of the Agency in order to enhance its ability to achieve its
9 purposes and perform its duties.